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The Secretary-General has received the following statement, which is being circulated in accordance with paragraphs 36 and 37 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

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Statement

"One dollar for development" — An initiative on strengthening the public administration systems and building the human capital as an essential tool towards generating decent and productive employment in the developing economies

"One dollar for development" was introduced in a formal statement (E/2005/NGO/1) presented to the 2005 ECOSOC NGO Forum, as the E-Government Application Reuse Initiative which seeks to support socio-economic development by bridging the digital gap through North-South cooperation.

With the rise in the number of democracies, the concept is not just limited to elections but focuses on a variety of other forms of citizens' participation in governance. As far as the 'government-citizens' relation is concerned, there is a wide spectrum of interaction from information exchange, and consultation to active participation based on different levels of partnership, which ultimately leads to the concept of good governance as an important pillar for the development of society.

In the context of the developing countries, an important development goal is the creation of adequate employment opportunities, particularly for the youth. This is an area of global concern. ICT has tremendous potential for improving the employment generation aspects.

Access to information is becoming a critical factor by which countries are being judged by the global society as either haves or have-nots — information rich or information poor.

This initiative focuses on strengthening the public administration systems and building the human capital as an essential tool towards generating decent and productive employment in the developing economies. With its emphasis on "Re-use of technology", the project not only has the capacity to develop a nationwide e-governance structure at a fraction of the original cost but also has the potential for employment generation even in rural areas through the information kiosk network, small enterprises that, inter alia, sell telephone-based services, work as "information intermediaries" and that engage in e-commerce-based activities, as well as with telecentres and cable television providers, with equipment such as printers, photo-copiers or satellite dishes, where local youth are finding opportunities for decent and full employment.

With the Dominican Republic as its first pilot country, the project has gathered support for the draft resolution on public administration and development, which was later adopted by the General Assembly at its sixtieth session (General Assembly resolution 60/34).

The project was documented in the commemorative publication of WSIS; the Golden Book is a practical solution to achieve the MDGs using ICT as a tool for development. It was also showcased during the 2nd phase of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS), held in Tunis, 16-18 Nov 2005.

The project fully integrates the values of the 'Global Forum for Reinventing Government' and seeks participation at the 7th Global forum to be hosted by the UN, as it would provide a good opportunity to commemorate the 10th Anniversary

of the Special Session of the UN General Assembly on Public Administration and Development.

The project calls upon all the stakeholders working in the sector of Public Administration/e-governance to work together towards implementation of the initiative as it works toward the greater goal of achieving the MDGs.